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Good day to you honorable people,

This letter describes how The Puyallup Tribe of Indians Grandview Early Learning Center (GELC) plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct child care services, including child care subsidy assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus? If yes, describe.

- Yes, all of the families that normally attend our tribally operated center have switched to our subsidy assistance program while we are closed due to COVID-19. We have determined that in-home childcare is less of an exposure and less of a risk for our families. Many of our parents work at our Elder's building and the Puyallup Tribal Health Authority (PTHA) providing health care and other essential services. Nearly all of our parents work in some type of critical infrastructure for our governmental operations. We are also removing barriers to accessing our services by switching to categorical eligibility.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices



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Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to child care providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)? If yes, describe.

- Yes, we will purchase and distribute supplies when we are able. Otherwise we will simply use CRRSA funds to give grants, so providers can purchase themselves. We will also purchase supplies for our tribally operated center, when we reopen.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the child care sector to help child care providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency? If yes, describe.

- Yes, we will utilize Child Care Aware to contact every single licensed child care provider in our service area of Pierce County and offer grants for increased operating expenses. We will prioritize licensed centers owned and operated by BIPOC individuals who have remained open throughout the pandemic.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

As required in CRRSA, how does the lead agency plan to use a portion of funds appropriated in CRRSA to provide assistance to CCDF-eligible child care providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

- We will utilize Child Care Aware of Washington and Pierce County to reach providers not participating in our subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

5. Other

Does the lead agency plan to use a portion of CRRSA child care funds for any other activities or assistance not described above? If yes, describe.

- We may use the CRRSA child care funds to support online schooling. Desks, electronics, Wifi hotspots, books, and other supplies.

The Puyallup Tribe of Indians will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

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